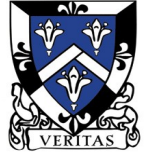




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## Pastor's Corner

If you've been paying attention, you will have noticed that on several Sundays recently—including today—the normal prayers for the Mass has yielded to feasts that happen to fall on those days. Normally Sundays trump other celebrations, but there are some celebrations of such high rank that the readings and prayers that otherwise would have been observed on those days give way. So, for example, on September 14 we had the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Last weekend, we had All Souls Day (in the old liturgy All Souls Day never outranked a Sunday but was moved to Monday). And today, we celebrate the Feast of the Dedication of the Basilica of Saint John Lateran. The dedication of a *building*. A building of worship, to be sure, but still, a building. But why?

Simply put, because this basilica is the cathedral church of the Diocese of Rome, and Rome is the See of St. Peter, the prince of apostles. Many might suppose that Saint Peter's is the cathedral of Rome, but it isn't. The Lateran Basilica is the pope's *cathedra*, or seat—the symbol of the authority Peter received from Christ and which Peter's successors inherit. This great church is, in the words inscribed on its outside, *Omnium urbis et orbis ecclesiarum mater, et caput*, “the mother of all the churches of the city and the world, and their head.”

What's a *basilica*? It's a church of a certain historical importance, and the title can only be conferred on a church by the pope. The word “basilica” itself derives from the Greek word *basileus*, “king,” and means the court of the king, or royal court.

Do we believe that God somehow favors these places that the Church has set up as special? Is he more present there than at a lowly country church? Definitely not, to the latter question (God is omnipresent and so cannot be more or less present anywhere). But to the first of these questions we should simply say: it's a bad idea to drive a wedge between God and his Church, as many people sadly want to do. Jesus himself gave his apostles the authority to bind and loose, and the Holy Spirit to govern their minds in charity. Let's just say, with respect to basilicas and churches, that there is a architectural hierarchy that is an apt symbol of the union of all the local

churches of the world to one another through the mother churches that gave them birth.

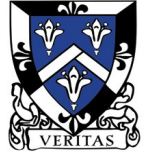
So the dedication of this one church is a high-ranking feast for the entire Latin Church because of what it symbolizes: the unity of the body of Christ on earth (that's what the papacy itself is about: unity—a unity that is sadly still a mere hope, as so many self-identifying Christians are divided by doctrine and worship). But all parish churches are dedicated, and the glory of the lowliest and poorest of churches is not overshadowed by the glory of the greatest, any more than the holiness of the “little saints” is overshadowed by the holiness of the apostles and martyrs of ancient Rome—all holiness comes from God, and the unity of the local churches throughout the world comes from the presence of Christ to his entire Church and from the Holy Spirit's indwelling power. We dedicate—set apart—certain areas of our earth exclusively for divine use, to remind us that the Lord's is the earth, and everything that is in it. We need reminding, because we forget. He alone is Lord. It may seem strange to cordon off relatively small pieces of the earth and say, “here, God, this is dedicated to you,” when everything is his already. But if we don't do at least that (as well as give him all that is ours—our mind and heart and soul and strength), we risk thinking God's creation is simply at our disposal. The point is not that the unconsecrated parts of earth belong to *us* but that the sanctification of the world radiates outward from special sources: the human body of Jesus Christ, at heart, and then from the sacraments he institutes, which are really extensions of his incarnate divinity. And those sacraments are celebrated in privileged sacred spaces we call churches. Jesus communicates his Word to believers and feeds them with his body and blood in those holy places. It's God's chosen way of pushing back the darkness—through the small but faithful actions of his disciples, through churches built as tokens of faith and symbols of the house God builds himself out of living stones.

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## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Sun, Nov 9</b>	<b>Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</b>
5:00pm	Peg Mattingly (+)
7:00am	People of the Parish
9:00am	Beverly McLoughlin (+)
11:00am	Joe Jamiolkowski (+)
<b>Mon, Nov 10</b>	<b>St. Leo the Great, pope and doctor (M)</b>
8:00am	Marie Gaunder and Family
Noon	Barbara Frye (+)
<b>Tue, Nov 11</b>	<b>St. Martin of Tours, bishop (M)</b>
9:00am	Fallen-away Catholics
<b>Wed, Nov 12</b>	<b>St. Josaphat, bishop and martyr (M)</b>
8:00am	Marie Landers Pyles & Family
Noon	Fallen-away Catholics
<b>Thu, Nov 13</b>	<b>St. Frances Xavier Cabrini (M)</b>
8:00am	Brandon Merriam (+)
<b>Fri, Nov 14</b>	
8:00am	Gerald Young (+)
Noon	Zita M. Sheppard (+)
<b>Sat, Nov 15</b>	<b>St. Albert the Great, bishop and doctor (F)</b>
9:00am	Antonio Rosta & Family
<b>Sun, Nov 16</b>	<b>33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>
5:00pm	Bob & Bette Mattingly (+)
7:00am	Eleanor Teeters & Family
9:00am	Marilyn Rosta (+)
11:00am	People of the Parish

(Incense will not be used at 7:00am Masses; it may be used at other Sunday Masses, as well as evening Masses on Holy Days of Obligation.)

### 2nd Collections

**This weekend:** Catholic Campaign for Human Development  
Nov. 23: Dominican Novices

### Parish Finances

#### Week of November 3, 2014

Envelopes (251).....	\$10,545.50
Loose.....	732.81
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>11,278.31</b>
Weekly Budget.....	11,538.00
<b>Deficit... ..</b>	<b>259.69</b>

Thank you!

### Please pray for the home-bound of the parish:

Margaret Gladys Abbott, Maxine Anders, William & Jan Barry, Josephine Basalla, Mary Battiger, Dorothy Beaver, Gertrude Bell, Ed Bowman, Madelyn Bronkar. Mathilda Clark, Mary Cowden, Michael Curtis, Jeanne Dittmar, Ralph Dosch, Paul & Marcy DuBeck, Betty Fedor, Jenni Finnen, Beverly Foley, Isabel Gilchrist, Mary Ellen Grafton, Nancy Hamler, Florence Herbert, Gabrielle Hinkle, Patricia Huck, Mary Imlay, Mary Caroline Johnson, Eileen Johnston, Henry Long, David Macenko, Farida Mach, Gerald Marshall, Josephine Marshall, Alice McGonagle, Betty Mercer, Michael Overstreet, Loretta (& Charles) Paynter, Patricia Perrone, Glenna Pfeifer, Alice Pitcock, Mary Polascak, Mary Postlewaite, George and Barb Ridenour, Barbara Schumacher, Charles & Mary Lou Scott, Loretta Sfliko, Theresa Tracey, Teresa Woods, Terri Woods

### Please pray for our recently deceased:

Patricia Hupp, *Requiescat in pace.*

## Weekly Calendar

### Sun, Nov 9

10:00 a.m. CCD (School)  
Coffee and doughnuts (Rosary Hall)

### Mon, Nov 10

7:00 p.m. Children of God prayer group (Chapel)

### Tue, Nov 11

6:00 p.m. Rosary for Life (Church)  
7:00 p.m. RCIA (Parish Center)

### Wed, Nov 12

12:30-8:00 p.m. Eucharistic exposition

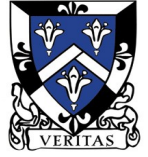
### Sat, Nov 15

10:00-Noon Altar serving training (younger) (Church)



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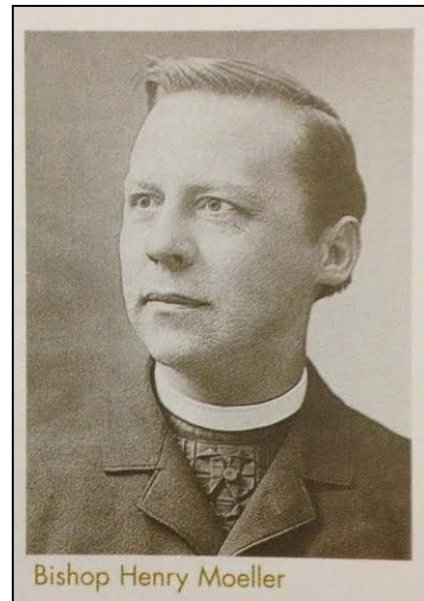
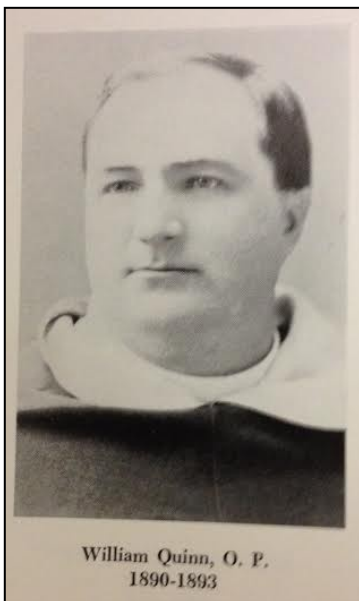


## A History of St. Thomas Aquinas Church Part XXI – A Golden Jubilee

The Golden Jubilee of St. Thomas Aquinas was a notable event. The event was heralded broadly and there was so much interest that the church could not hold the large numbers who came for the Mass on October 8, 1892. Crowds of people had to be turned away. The Pontifical Mass was at 7 o'clock, at which time Bishop John A. Watterson proceeded to his throne accompanied by Father William Quinn, O.P., of Zanesville and Father Lawrence Francis Kearney, O.P., Prior of St. Joseph's, who acted as deacons of honor. Fr. John Hyacinth Lynch, O.P., a native son was the celebrant, Fr. J.E. Kernan, O.P., was the deacon, and Fr. J. E. Keelty, O.P. was sub-deacon. Also within the sanctuary were Mr. Lewis Henry Dugan, the only child of John Dugan who had been the Catholic community's earliest benefactor in Zanesville, and Robert John Joseph Harkins. Both men were robed in Dominican habits and a surplice. These two men, bowed down with the weight of many years, performed the same duties as servers of honor that they had performed fifty years before when they had served the first Mass offered at St. Thomas and even before that, in 1820 when they had served at Trinity Church in the warehouse that served as the first Catholic Church in Zanesville. These men have the distinction of being the first altar servers in Zanesville.

An outstanding son of St. Dominic, Fr. Lawrence Francis Kearney, O.P., S.T.M., became pastor of St. Thomas Aquinas Church in 1894. Immediately plans for renovating the Church and decorating the interior were begun. Some authors say that the church was transformed into a "temple of beauty". The work was completed in 1897. In the same year, Father Kearney became the Provincial for the Dominicans and held the office for twelve years, retaining residence in Zanesville. He would be re-appointed as pastor in 1911, and he devoted his remarkable energy to the improvement and beautification of the church property. A modern steam heating plant was installed in the church and a commodious building of brick and concrete was erected to serve as a boiler house and laundry.

Bishop Watterson died April 17, 1899, and the see of the Diocese was vacant until August 25, 1900, when Reverend Henry Moeller was appointed by Pope Leo XIII and became the third Bishop of the Diocese of Columbus. During the interim, the Diocese had been under the administration of Monsignor Francis X. Specht, who also served as pastor of St. Mary Church in Columbus.

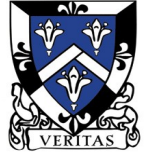






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## A word about receiving Holy Communion

Every once in a while it's good to have a reminder about this. For the Church has clear liturgical directives on how the Blessed Sacrament is to be received, yet some people seem unaware of what to do. I therefore run this excerpt from the directives of the U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (more can be found on their website, at <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/the-mass/order-of-mass/liturgy-of-the-eucharist/the-reception-of-holy-communion-at-mass.cfm>):

“Those who receive Communion may receive either in the hand or on the tongue, and the decision should be that of the individual receiving, not of the person distributing Communion. If Communion is received in the hand, the hands should first of all be clean. If one is right handed the left hand should rest upon the right. The host will then be laid in the palm of the left hand and then taken by the right hand to the mouth. If one is left-handed this is reversed. It is not appropriate to reach out with the fingers and take the host from the person distributing.

“The person distributing Communion says audibly to each person approaching, “The Body of Christ.” This formula should not be altered, as it is a proclamation which calls for a response of faith on the part of the one who receives. The communicant should audibly respond, “Amen,” indicating by that response his or her belief that this small wafer of bread, the wine in this chalice are in reality the body and blood of Christ the Lord.

“When one receives from the chalice, the same proclamation is made by the person distributing Communion and the Communicant again responds, “Amen.” It should be noted that it is never permissible for a person to dip the host he or she has received into the chalice. If, for some reason, the communicant is not able or willing to drink from the cup then that person should receive only under the form of bread.

“It seems appropriate to conclude this reflection on the Communion Procession and the reception of Communion with a quotation from the Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 1396:

In Baptism we have been called to form but one body. The Eucharist fulfills this call: “The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread” (1 Cor 10:16-17):

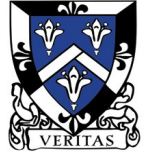
If you are the body and members of Christ, then it is your sacrament that is placed on the table of the Lord; it is your sacrament that you receive. To that which you are you respond “Amen” (“yes, it is true!”) and by responding to it you assent to it. For you hear the words, “the Body of Christ” and respond “Amen.” Be then a member of the Body of Christ that your Amen may be true (St. Augustine, Sermon 272: PL 38, 1247).”

If Holy Communion truly is the Body and Blood of the sacrificed and risen Lord, then the Eucharist is a foretaste of Heaven, an anticipation sacramentally now of what we will (we hope) experience face-to-face in the company of the blessed: perfect conformity to Jesus Christ, union with the Father in the Spirit. Without doubt, receiving Holy Communion is the most important thing we do this side of Heaven—quite literally. Of course, the most important aspect of receiving Holy Communion well is the *interior*—being properly spiritually disposed, i.e., being free from the guilt of grave sin, and, as much as possible, free even of distractions. But there's a ritual/physical component, too (described above in the quoted matter) which is important. Sometimes it seems everyone coming forward to receive has his or her own private manner of receiving Communion: some cup their hands; some receive while holding car keys or other objects; some people “grab” the host as the minister is giving it; some seem as if they've never done this before. *Please* be conscious of the Church's directives on this—it not only makes things more reverent in this most awesome mystery, but also helps the celebration of Mass go smoother. Two fundamental takeaway points: (1) put one hand over the other when you receive; your dominant hand should be *beneath*, so that you can take the sacred host from the other hand and then put it in your mouth. (2) Please remember to say “Amen.” Remember the sacraments are composed of word and element (matter), and the simple “Amen” of the recipient is your expression of faith in Christ's passion, death, and resurrection, and his coming to you with all that power. —Fr. Peter



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## Parish Life

**Rosary Altar Society Auction** is today, beginning at 12:30 p.m. in the Activity Center! We are excited about all the great items that will be at the event this year, such as our "Theme Baskets," Religious, Boy's, Girl's, (ages 2-8), Teen's (gift cards from any Teen Store at the mall), and a Pasta Basket. Rosary Altar is in need of 2-Liter bottles of Pop (Diet & Regular), Gifts Cards, and Bake Goods. You can drop those items off at the Activity Center. Parents, there will be free babysitting available to assist you while you shop and enjoy yourself. For more details you may contact Lori Gnau, at (740) 453-8501.

**The Saint Thomas/Saint Nicholas Youth Group** will be providing breakfast after all Masses on Sunday, November 9th in the St. Nicholas Church Basement.

### Rosecrans Boys Basketball Fundraiser

For the past 22 years, the Bishop Rosecrans boys basketball team, along with the cheerleaders and girls basketball team, have provided Christmas gifts for needy children. This program is now called "Christmas on the Hill." How can you help? On November 29 the basketball team will have a drive-up in front of Rosecrans High School where you can pick up TATS pizza and salads between 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. This is a great way to have all the food you need for the Buckeyes-Wolverines game that starts at noon! If you have any questions, call Todd Rock at (740) 408-1475.

### Bishop Fenwick & Rosecrans High School

The 3rd Annual Catholic Schools of Zanesville Car Raffle has begun. This car raffle will help the schools sustain their financial viability. The goal of this raffle is for our community to sell 2500 tickets by February 2015. Each ticket will cost \$50.00 and they are available at all school offices, through the mail or on the Rosecrans High School website ...  
[www.rosecrans.cdeducation.org](http://www.rosecrans.cdeducation.org).

## Varia

### Craft & Resident Art Show

The Oaks at 3291 Northpointe invites you to be a vendor at our Craft & Resident Art Show Saturday, November 15th from 9:00 - 3:00 p.m. Reserve your table for only \$5.00 with a Chinese Auction donation. Lunch will be served for \$5.00 per person. You need to reserve your table by November 5th by calling Marissa Kinnan at (740) 452-3000.

### Delicious Pumpkin Cookies

Just in time for Thanksgiving Day, delicious pumpkin cookies from Dooley's Diner!!! These scrumptious morsels are only \$6.00 per dozen and all proceeds will benefit Catholic Social Services. To place an order, please contact (740) 452-5057 (ext. 102). During the week of November 21<sup>st</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>, cookie orders will be available for pick up at the Diner (231 Market St.), the CSS office (422 Main St.), or delivery can be arranged. Don't miss out on this sweet opportunity!!!



**First Annual Bishops Alumni Social** at the Knights of Columbus on Friday, November 28th from 7 - 10 pm. Tickets are \$10 at the door or \$5 if purchased in advance at the high school. Appetizers and soft drinks included. This event is open to all RHS supporters, alumni, family, and friends.

### Parish Office Closed

In observance of Veterans Day, the School and Parish Offices will be closed on Tuesday, November 11th. Mass is at 9:00 a.m. instead of 8:00 a.m. A special *Thank You* to all those who are serving and have served our country.